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For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR PRE-TREATING SHOES AND METHODS AND ARTICLES EMPLOYING SAME**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants cite and submit copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1499. As these references were made of record in parent application No. 09/693,224 filed October 20, 2000, additional copies are not provided herein. However, the Examiner should advise the undersigned if additional copies are desired.

CONSUMER PRACTICES

The following consumer practices described in the "Background of the Invention" section are believed to have been used more than a year before the filing date of the present application, and prior to the date of the present invention:

Traditional attempts at cleaning soiled and/or stained shoes have included washing the soiled shoes manually in wash basins and/or sinks, with a conventional garden hose, clapping the shoes manually in wash basins and/or sinks, with a convention garden hose, clapping the shoes together to attempt to dislodge clay, mud and other dirt fixed to the shoes, or using a conventional washing machine with or without detergent being added. Other methods include wiping the shoes with a damp cloth.

COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

Also enclosed is a description (27 pages) of products which were available in the country indicated as of December 11, 2000. The "Comments" column quotes or paraphrases written information such as usage instructions on the products.

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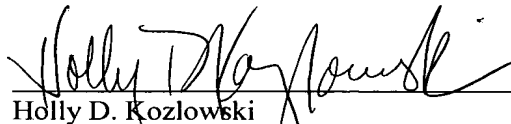
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This application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). As of the date of this submission, Applicants have received an Office Action, but have not received a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the application. The fee of \$180.00 is enclosed by check.

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